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SUBJECT: UNESCO BUDGET: ITALO-US CONSULTATION

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1. DURING AUGUST 2 MEETING OF AMB. DALE WITH ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REPS ON MEANS TO DEAL WITH RISING CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (BULK OF MEETING REPORTED SEPARATELY), MFA REP FERRARIS (VICE DG FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND RESPONSIBLE FOR UNESCO AFFAIRS) ADVANCED PROPOSAL RELATING TO PRESENTATION OF UNESCO BUDGET SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER; SPECIFICALLY, THAT:

(A) COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE REINFORCED WITH EXPERTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (ITALY WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY TREASURY MINISTRY);

(B) THERE SHOULD BE JOINT CONSULTATIONS AND CO-ORDINATION IN PARIS TO REACH COMMON POSITIONS PRIOR TO  
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SEPTEMBER UNESCO BUDGET MEETING; AND

(C) NOTE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN CONTEXT OF CONSIDERING UNESCO BUDGET OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO THE GENEVA GROUP (REF C) AND OF THE FURTHER EXPLANATION SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5 IN GENEVA.

2. FERRARIS STATED THAT POINTS ABOVE WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO INSTRUCTIONS TO GOI UNESCO REP IN PARIS TO CONSULT WITH US REPS.

3. GENEVA POLCOUNS GRIP (IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR DALE WHO HAD TO DEPART MEETING) UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY THREE-POINT ITALIAN PROPOSAL TO DEPARTMENT AND UNESCO MISSION FOR THEIR CONSIDERATIONS. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY SAW MERIT IN IT, AND SUGGESTED GOI RAISE IT IN FIRST INSTANCE WITH COUNTERPART MISSIONS IN PARIS.

4. COMMENT: MEETINGS PREVIOUSLY WITH MINGAZZINI (REFS A, B) AND OTHER GOI REPS ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET ISSUES HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE IN SENSITIZING GOI TO POSSIBLE AVENUES OF COOPERATION AND BRINGING GOI UP TO SPEED ON CURRENT EFFORTS. AS INDICATED REF (B), EMBASSY BELIEVES USG CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET MATTERS AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, PROPOSALS ADVANCED BY FERRARIS FOR REVIEW OF UNESCO BUDGET, WOULD BE USEFUL. GOI WILL PROBABLY REINFORCE GOI UNESCO REP WITH TREASURY OFFICIAL FOR CONSULTATIONS SINCE MFA IS UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FOR FISCALLY-CONSERVATIVE MINISTRY OF TREASURY TO HOLD LINE ON CONTRIBUTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, GOI IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE UNESCO BUDGET TO BE DISCUSSED IN SEPTEMBER; HOWEVER, CONSULTATIONS WILL BE VIEWED AS TEST OF WILLINGNESS FOR FUTURE -- AND HOPEFULLY MORE PRODUCTIVE -- COLLABORATION. VOLPE

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